



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Standing Committee on Education & Vocational Training
Inquiry into Teacher Education

MEDIA ALERT

Issued: 6 March 2006

Chair: Luke Hartsuyker MP
Deputy: Rod Sawford MP

Teacher education and Sydney universities

The House of Representatives Education and Vocational Training Committee will hear from the University of Sydney, Macquarie University and the University of Western Sydney when it holds public hearings in Sydney this week.

The House Education Committee is conducting a major inquiry into teacher education.

“Partnerships are an emerging focus of this inquiry,” Committee Chair Luke Hartsuyker said.

“We are keen to learn how NSW universities, the state government, and the Institute of Teachers work together with schools to address issues such as linking theory to practice. We would also like to hear about any impediments to building stronger partnerships.”

As well as hearing from the universities and teacher education students, the Committee will hear from several other organisations and authorities during the public hearings at the Commonwealth Parliament Offices in Sydney. Among those appearing will be the NSW Government, the NSW Institute of Teachers, the Catholic Education Commission of NSW and the NSW Teacher Education Council.

HEARING PROGRAM

Tuesday 7 March 2006

Conference Room A, Level 8, Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 70 Phillip St Sydney

9.00am – 10.15am: **NSW Department of Education and Training (Sub. 135)**
10.30am – 12.00pm: **University of Sydney (Sub 133)**
1.00pm – 2.30pm: **Macquarie University (Sub 130)**
2.30pm – 3.00pm: **Mr Jim Bond**
3.15pm – 3.45pm: **Mr Andrew Mullins (Sub 26)**
3.45pm – 4.45pm: **Student Forum**

Wednesday 8 March 2006

Conference Room A, Level 8, Commonwealth Parliament Offices, 70 Phillip St Sydney

9.30am – 10.00am: **Dr Peter West (Sub. 95)**
10.15am – 11.45am: **University of Western Sydney (Sub 152)**
11.45am – 12.30pm: **NSW Teacher Education Council (Sub 129)**
1.30pm – 2.30pm: **NSW Institute of Teachers**
2.30pm – 3.15pm: **Catholic Education Commission of NSW (Sub 134)**
3.30pm – 4.00pm: **Learning Difficulties Coalition of NSW (Sub 22)**
4.00pm – 4.30pm: **Independent Education Union (To be confirmed)**

FOR INTERVIEW: Please contact Committee Chair, Mr Luke Hartsuyker MP through Greg Pierce on 0408 532 785.

For background information, please contact the committee secretariat on (02) 6277 4573 or on mobile phone 0421 611 173 or visit inquiry website at:

<http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/evt/teachereduc/index.htm>.

Submissions are on the inquiry website.

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